

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A. General:

1. Claims 2, 11, and 20 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and, therefore, per the Examiner, are now allowable as are claims 3 - 9, 12 - 18, and 21 - 30 which depend therefrom. Claims 28 - 30 have been amended to change dependencies due to the cancellation of claims 1, 10, and 19.

2. Claims 1, 10, and 19 have been cancelled.

3. Claims 2 - 9, 11 - 18, and 20 - 30 remain under examination.

B. §112 Rejection:

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 10, 19, and 28 - 30 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as being single means/step claims.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 10, and 19 and amended claims 28 - 30 to depend from newly amended and independent claims 2, 11, and 20, respectively, thereby obviating this rejection.

C. §102 Rejections:

1. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 10, 19, and 28 - 30 under 35 USC 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Leng.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 10, and 19 and amended claims 28 - 30 to depend from newly amended and independent claims 2, 11, and 20, respectively, thereby obviating this rejection.

2. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 10, and 19 under 35 USC 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Potter (4,658,367).

Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 10, and 19 thereby obviating this rejection.

D. Conclusion:

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case for claims 2 - 9, 11 - 18, and 20 - 30.

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